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### A.S. MEHAGIAN FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND

The A.M.A.A. is proud to announce the establishment of a large endowment fund by Mr. & Mrs. A. Stephen Mehagian of Scottsdale, Arizona, to be known as the A.S. Mehagian Family Memorial Fund. The fund will be over \$180,000.00 and the income will be used for the Haigazian College of Beirut, Lebanon. This fund will be the residue of the assets of the Mehagian Foundation, proceeds from a large plot of land in Phoenix, Arizona and the cost of a large warehouse in the same city.

The Mehagians, who were instrumental in the founding of the college in 1955, have not done much else but "eat, sleep, and breathe Haigazian College" since. They have given a large portion of their time to dream up ideas for raising money for the college, or have developed schemes for the advancement of the institution.

There were many factors that combined to lead to the founding of the college. First of all, the First Armenian Evangelical College (High School), in Beirut, which had a permit from the Lebanese Government for the founding of a college, surrendered that privilege to the establishing of Haigazian College. Second, the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East showed its willingness to be one of the sponsors of the college. In the third place, the Armenian Missionary Association of America voted to be the sponsor and supporter of the college. In the fourth place, some visionary leaders, among whom were Messrs. Stephen Philibosian, Henry Gertmenian and others, provided strong financial support. In the fifth place, and most important, the Mehagians, at a great personal sacrifice, made the first and original \$25,000 donation in 1955. This was a great act of sacrifice on their part, for they sold their beautiful summer home in La Jolla, California to raise that money. Over the years, the Mehagians have continued to provide strong financial support for the college. For instance, between 1963 and 1972, \$187,705.55 were sent from Phoenix to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees in California, Dr. Jirair Sarian, 80% of which were from the A.S. Mehagian Family funds



*A. Stephen Mehagian  
Dynamic Haigazian  
College Leader*

and the Mehagian Foundation. In addition to their own contributions, the Mehagians have labored unceasingly to promote the work of the college with a view to influence strangers, business associates, friends and relatives to provide financial support for the college. In this effort, they have succeeded very well for the Haigazian College has numerous persons who have established endowed funds with the A.M.A.A. in favor of the Haigazian College. For fourteen consecutive years since 1958, the Mehagians have organized a highly successful Annual Benefit Charcoal Broiled Shish Kebab Gourmet Dinner in the world-famous "Sunshine Room" of Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona at which attendance has been large and the financial benefit to the College substantial.

The Haigazian College, an institution sponsored by the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East, is administered by a Board of Trustees in the United States and a Board of Managers in Lebanon. The College started in 1955 in the small Webb House, purchased from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with a student body of 43 and a faculty of 10. Today, the college has an enrollment of 553 students and a faculty of 53. The Haigazian College has the noble goal of providing a sound education in a Christian atmosphere beyond the secondary level and to provide leadership to the schools and churches in Lebanon and elsewhere. The college is coeducational and is open to students of good character and adequate academic preparation regardless of race, nationality or creed. It is now recognized by the Lebanese Government at the license level.

To date, the college has proven that the vision of the Mehagians in opting for the establishment of a college and naming it after the great educator, Dr. Armenag Haigazian, father of Mrs. Mary Mehagian, was a sound one. In the short space of 17 years, a large number of graduates have stepped forward into Armenian national life as leaders.

### MISSIONARY UNION OF SOUTH AMERICA

We have learned of missionary work being carried by the Armenian Spiritual Brethren of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Their missionary Union, known as the UNIAO MISIONARIA PARA AMERICA DO SUL, is doing work in four major areas: Bolivia, Amazon, Goia, and Parana.

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## LAND GRANT BY MISS DANIELIAN IN MEMORY OF HER PARENTS KRIKOR AND NEVART DANIELIAN

A 17-acre land grant was made to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc. by Miss Rose Danielian of Methuen, Massachusetts in memory of her beloved parents Krikor Vartan and Nevart (Sarkisian) Danielian because this was the wish of the God-fearing and God-loving born again Christian couple. The Deed was transferred to the Association on January 21, 1972 with the assistance of our solicitor, Albert Momjian Esquire, and local Attorney Kachadoor Naroian of Lawrence in the latter's offices and in the presence of the donor, the Reverend Helen Wight, and the Executive Secretary of the Association, Dr. G.H. Chopourian. The land is appraised at \$66,000.00. It is the desire of the donor that the proceeds from this plot of land be established as a Memorial Fund for her beloved parents and the income of the Fund be used for Missionary Outreach.



Eva Nevart  
(Sarkisian) Danielian



Krikor V. Danielian

Her father, son of Vartan and Quevar, the first Protestants in the village, was born in the village of Khokh in Harpoot, Armenia on May 30, 1869. In 1892, along with other Armenians, he fled from Turkish rule and after encountering many hardships settled by the Grace of God on January 1, 1893 in Lawrence, Mass., where with other Armenians strengthened the formation of an Armenian Protestant Church group which met in an American Congregational Church. Her mother, married in 1904, was from the city of Harpoot, Armenia. Her family likewise was one of the first to embrace Protestantism. Unlike her husband she had the highest education offered in Harpoot College. She had taught children of all ages and had been offered a professorship in the College of Smyrna but left all to accompany her sister's family to America settling in Newburyport, Mass. In 1905 the Danielians decided to get away from the crowded living quarters of the mill city and bought a farm in the neighboring town of Methuen, Mass. With no knowledge of farming and being middle-aged it was a long hard struggle. With firm faith in God, together they worked and sacrificed to send their daughter, Rose, to Mount Holyoke College. Raised in this Christian atmosphere Rose at one time had wanted to become a missionary, but after receiving a B.S. degree from Boston University she became a high school teacher of history and mathematics. All through their lives both husband and wife remained loyal and faithful to their Lord and God's Church which was their first love and which occupied the uppermost place in their hearts. While others belonged to other organizations their life was centered solely around the church of

God. Mrs. Danielian radiated with love glorifying her Lord. She looked after the Mid-week women's prayer meetings, taught Sunday School classes as well as having charge of the Sunday School, and directed programs for the various yearly events. Mr. Danielian, self-educated, a man of strong high principles, served his Church in various capacities. Of his 97 years he was deacon and life deacon for about 50 years. He was also honored as a life deacon by the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church. In his last three decades his zeal for spreading the Gospel led him to be a life member of the Gideon Association whose mission is to give the Good News to all peoples. When in the 1960's the Lawrence Protestant group had very few male members left, suggestions were made for the merging of the Three Protestant Armenian Churches (Haverhill, Lawrence, Salem) in a radius of 15 miles. If this had happened Krikor with his daughter would have donated their land for the new church. Because of this fact and because the Danielians have been missionary-minded contributors, today their daughter has humbly donated their land for God's work in loving memory of her beloved parents.

Miss Rose Danielian, who retired on November 4, 1966 was a Social Studies teacher for 36 years: one year in a High School in Connecticut, one year in a night school in Methuen and 34 years in the Methuen day High School. Born in Methuen on August 19, 1906 she graduated from Methuen High School in 1924 with highest honors, attended Mount Holyoke College for two years, Boston University School of Physical Education for one year and graduated in 1928 from the Boston University School of Education with the degree of B.S. in Education. She also holds a Master of Education degree from Calvin Coolidge College.

But, first and foremost and above all else, Miss Danielian is a believing Christian. The large number of activities she is engaged in testify to this. At the present she is: driver and sighted secretary of Carrell Chapter for Blind of Greater Lawrence; driver for Reading Circle for Blind of Greater Lawrence and was a driver in the past for paraplegics; member of Ladies Aid of Ararat-Bethel Church and member of both First Congregational and Ararat-Bethel. In the past she was: president, secretary, and chaplain of Gideon Auxiliary of Merrimack Valley; active in churches having taught Sunday School and D.V. B.S. classes for many years at the First Congregational Church in Methuen; leader and director of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the former Bethel Armenian Congregational Church and other churches. Activities which were less specifically spiritual but which were permeated by her Christian understanding, included: volunteer worker at the Lawrence General Hospital; teaching "First Aid;" organizing and supervising chess, coin, and Jr. Historical clubs; coaching girls' basketball teams; air, telephone, and First Aid warden in World War II; charter member of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research; member and recording secretary of Methuen Historical Committee; member and corresponding secretary of Lawrence Woman's Club; member of State and National Retired Teachers' Association; member of Methuen Woman's Club; and member and secretary of the Local Parent-Teacher organization.

The Board of Directors of the ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA are deeply grateful for Miss Rose Danielian's confidence and trust in the Association and desire to congratulate her for her allegiance to her heritage and for her thoughtfulness to perpetuate the memory of her parents through this donation.

## GULLABI GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, INC.

The President of the Gullabi Gulbenkian Foundation, Mr. Gould Kardashian, recently forwarded a check from the Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for scholarships to Armenian students at Haigazian College for undergraduate studies. Along with the check, he indicated that the sum of \$5,000.00 will be an annual contribution from the Foundation for this purpose.

Mr. Gould Kardashian also indicated that there was a good possibility that an outright gift of \$10,000.00 might be made available to assist the Association in underwriting part of the cost of the new building purchased for Haigazian College for \$450,000.00.

The Gullabi Gulbenkian Foundation, Inc., was established on April 29, 1920.

Mr. Gullabi Gulbenkian established the foundation with a view to assisting Armenians. The instruction of the President is that the Haigazian College will have the ability and freedom to use the scholarship funds for undergraduate students at their discretion.

The Board of Directors wish to extend to Mr. Gould Kardashian their profound thanks and pray that the purposes of the founder may be of continuous benefit to those in need.

## BREAKTHROUGH IN MEXICO

During a recent visit of our committed secretary, Satineg Parsekian, the important Child Education Sponsorship program was presented to a number of prominent Armenians gathered in the home of Mrs. Loosaper Acasuso, sister of Harutun and Simon Hamparzumian. Inspired by the challenge of the Istanbul Youth Home, Harutun and Simon immediately undertook the support of 6 children in the Istanbul Youth Home at a cost of \$160.00 per child per year. In the accompanying picture Mr. Harutun Hamparzumian is seen signing the Child Education application.

Our thanks go to Satineg for her missionary zeal and to the Hamparzumians for their compassion.



Mr. Harutun Hamparzumian  
signing Child Education  
application

## THE UNITED ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON THE MOVE

The Missionary Committee of the U.A.C.C. is an active, lively, and visionary group that has a superb missionary outreach spirit. In the middle of March they had a mission renewal program in the sanctuary and the Sunday School classes followed by a dinner, at which time, an appeal was made for support of the work of the Armenian Missionary

Association of America. Six thousand dollars were pledged. The Sunday School children were given gleaners (coin cards) which they are going to use each week for the gathering of funds for missionary endeavors. Mrs. Mary Ishkanian, a capable and hard-working individual, is the Chairman of the Missionary Committee of the church. We extend to her and to her hard-working and inspiring membership our gratitude. It is only as they cultivate the missionary spirit of the membership of the church that the Kingdom of God will move forward.



Mrs. Mary Ishkanian,  
Chairman  
Missionary Committee  
of U.A.C.C.

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Missionary Outreach, see  
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## NEW YORK STATE KIWANIS CONVENTION

Our Association was given a booth in the Boston Room of the Statler-Hilton Hotel where the New York State Kiwanis Convention was being held. The A.M.A.A. displayed its "Adopt a Foreign Child Abroad" poster and other materials. The Chairman of our Child Education Program, Dr. Vahe S. Roubian, was instrumental in arranging this demonstration. The following ladies, to whom the Board of Directors extend their thanks, volunteered their services from Friday to Sunday:

Mrs. Arpine Aprahamian  
Mrs. Zabelle Tourian  
Mrs. Heranoush Casparian

These ladies have given the A.M.A.A. office an enormous amount of time on many occasions.

## ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Anonymous communications reaching our office are destined to the waste paper basket. This is because those presenting ideas for new projects must bear the labor-pains of new plans with us. Otherwise, we have no way of entering into partnership to resolve problems and create new patterns. This announcement is being made as a result of the receipt of two letters in April which has excellent ideas but which we cannot pursue. Anyone attempting to resolve community and national problems must share with us the burdens.

The Editor

**CHILDREN'S MISSION SUNDAY**  
**United Armenian Congregational Church**  
**Los Angeles**  
**By Marie Mandroian**

Sunday, March 5th, was set aside for CHILDREN'S MISSIONS SUNDAY. The program was planned in conjunction with our own MISSIONS SUNDAY, March 12th. The Missions Committee had decided that such a program for our Sunday Schoolers would better orient them to the very important part the Missions play and can play in our daily Christian experiences.

The program was in two parts. The first part for the Jr. & Sr. High school level. The second was for the Elementary level, however, it was essentially the same.

It began with Joe Zeronian leading in song. Then followed the announcements with Joe Matossian, who presented Mrs. Mary Ishkanian, Chairman of the Missions Committee. Mrs. Ishkanian thanked the children for the posters they had made, which will be displayed during the Missions luncheon. She then introduced the guest, Miss Helen Barsumian. Miss Barsumian is a well-known educator, widely-traveled and vitally interested in our Armenian Missions abroad. She is also the First Armenian vice-principal in the United States.

Miss Barsumian then gave a very brief introduction into her program, telling them about the personal needs of the students in the Middle East. She used examples of a simple thing like lunch, an important factor in the daily life of an Armenian in Beirut, but taken for granted by the students here. She went on to the slides which were taken on her recent trip to Beirut and Tehran. They were primarily pictures of the students in the classrooms, at play and also some pictures of the homes and various social environments that the students came from.

The picture portion was brief, but to the point and very nicely presented.

After the showing of the slides Miss Barsumian made a very brief but appealing request for the youngsters to participate in helping the needs of some of the students. She stressed the simple way by which they could help, namely by filling out the \$2.00 gleaner cards (10 cent coin cards) which would enable the children overseas to eat lunch for an entire week. To the more enthusiastic ones, she gave the \$6.00 gleaners which would support the youngsters for an entire month. It was interesting to note that one 5th grade class was already working on their sixth \$6.00 card.

As an observer I felt that the program was beautifully presented and on the level of the children's understanding. I also felt that they were certainly more cognizant of what the missions look like, what the children are doing and perhaps they themselves felt a little closer to the entire missions project. As a token of remembrance of Missions Sunday, the Missions Committee gave each a book marker as they left.

**MIAMI CHAPTER ON THE GO**

The Miami Chapter had organized an evening meal in the Social Hall of the Armenian Church in Miami, Saturday, April 22, 1972. A small group of A.M.A.A. lovers had brought together 124 persons for the evening's meal, music, and message which was given by Dr. G.H. Choupourian, Executive Secretary of the Association and

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**FRIENDS OF AMAA-PENINSULA GROUP**

Friends of AMAA-Peninsula Group was organized by the initiative and foresight of a few ladies in the Peninsula area of San Francisco, primarily to assist the AMAA in its educational program. It is a group of Armenian Evangelical and Armenian Apostolic women who come together once a month to enjoy a Luncheon and fellowship. Each lady plays host to the Group each month and takes over the responsibility of a luncheon, and charges a nominal amount which goes to the AMAA. The Group has grown so fast and popular that now there are two hostesses in charge each month. It is a purely social affair with no program or speakers, except a brief business meeting following the luncheon. Once a year, the Executive Secretary of the Association, during his visit to Northern California attends their meeting and briefs them about AMAA work and its progress. The ladies support the education of several young people in the Middle East. Their annual support has been about \$350.00 on the average. At every meeting the pictures of the sponsored children are circulated. Besides doing so much as a group, quite many of the ladies individually support one or more children. The Group has recently commenced holding a yearly Christmas White Elephant sale, where each member brings one or more items and it is then auctioned off. Last December they raised an extra \$75.00 by this silent auction. During the summer months they have a dinner party for wives, their husbands and guests. With donations at \$10.00 a couple they raised another \$200.00. During 1970-71 they contributed over \$900.00. The Board of Directors wish to extend their gratitude to all the ladies and specially to all the past chairmen who have been: Mrs. Gloria Medzian, Mrs. Helen Harikian, Mrs. Vivian Medzian, Mrs. Grace Izmirian, Mrs. Rita Donoian, Mrs. Jean Philibosian, and Mrs. Anita Odabashian. (The present chairman, Mrs. Mary Edwards, does not appear in the picture).

What this Group of ladies with a membership of only 35 has been able to do to support a worthy and valiant cause, may be an example and inspiration to other Armenian women to get organized in small groups and support the work of the A.M.A.A. This is specially desirable in areas where no organized Armenian Church or community exists. Take note ladies in Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, Ohio, Mexico,----.



Friends of AMAA Peninsula Group

**NEEDS IN AMAA OFFICE**

The A.M.A.A. office has some important needs for equipment. Any and all help provided for the purchase of these needs is most welcome. May we hear from friends of the A.M.A.A.?

ITEM NEEDED	COST	ANSWERED FOR BY
Vacuum Cleaner	\$ 79	Mr. & Mrs. Hrant Tashjian
Copying Machine	1000	
IBM Typewriter	520	Dr. & Mrs. Rendel Levonian
Coffee Table	35	Dr. & Mrs. P. Ketenjian
Small Folding Table	30	Mrs. K.A. Pridjian
Folding and Inserting Machine	1600	
Scriptomatic Addressing Machine	3000	
High Speed Mimeo Machine	906	
50 Two-inch Snapback Binders	150	Mr. & Mrs. Chas. DeMirjian
Auto-Typist	800	
Filing Cabinet	50	Mrs. K.H. Movsesyan
Electric Adding Machine	95	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peters
Filing Cabinet (second)	75	Mr. & Mrs. Ardson Shegoian
Conference Table	350	Mr. & Mrs. Ardson Shegoian
Typist's Chair	75	Mr. & Mrs. Ardson Shegoian
Typist's Chair (second)	75	Mr. & Mrs. George Berberian
Coffee Maker	25	
Wheeled Serving Cart	50	
Wheeled Serving Cart (second)	50	
Hot Plate	25	
Work Table	25	
Super 8 Projector	120	Mr. & Mrs. John Bogosian
High Speed Stamping and Sealing Machine	2500	

We want to remind our supporters regularly of these needs until we have all of the items answered for. It's your MOVE next.

Please make checks payable to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and mail to A.M.A.A., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Trusting in God, and for His sake, I would like to enter into partnership of service with the A.M.A.A.

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**THE ADJECTIVE OF ANTIOCH - \$3.75**

This book by the Reverend M.P. Krikorian gives in clear scriptural language the definition of what a Christian is. Described as "a real contribution to Christian thinking" the book aims at quickening the believer and unbeliever alike into a heightened Christian experience. Dr. Daniel Polling, former Editor of the Christian Herald says of the book, "beyond answering and amplifying the answers to the question 'What is the origin of the word Christian?' the book is intensely and intimately spiritual." We recommend this book to our Armenian-American English-speaking public.

**LIST OF AVAILABLE BOOKS**

(Legend: pb = paperbound; hc = hard cover; \* = In Armenian)

**BOOK NO.**

4a	ARPEE, Leon. A Century of Armenian Protestantism	(pb)	.50
6	BABOIAN, Rose. The Art of Armenian Cooking	(hc)	6.95
13	*BIBLE, N.T. No. 247, 5 x 3 1/2, small print (Leather)		4.00
15	*BIBLE, N.T. No. M0253, 5 x 7, large print	(hc)	2.50
16	*BIBLE, O.T. & N.T. 5 x 7, small print	(hc)	5.00
17	*BIBLE, O.T. & N.T. No. M50X, 7 1/2 x 5 1/2 Large print	(hc)	5.00
18	CALIAN, Carnegie S. Grace, Guts, and Goods	(hc)	4.00
20	GOERGIZIAN, Rev. A.A. *Bavghikian-Tondragetzinero Sharjoumu Hyeyotz Arakelagan Yegeghetzvo Mech	(hc)	5.00
24	HARTUNIAN, Rev. A.H. Neither To Laugh Nor To Weep	(hc)	5.00
25	HASSESSIAN, Rev. Herald A.G. *Aghantner Kristoneagan Jushmardoutyan Brisnaghen	(pb)	5.00
31	KRIKORIAN, Rev. M.P. The Adjective of Antioch	(hc)	3.75
35	SACRED MUSIC CHORALE record, Mono		2.95
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**NEW PUBLICATION**

The A.M.A.A. has delivered to the press Dr. G.H. Choupourian's dissertation entitled, **THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL REFORMATION: CAUSES AND EFFECTS**.

The publication will be off the press by the middle of June and will sell at \$5.75 per copy. There will be a pre-publication price of \$4.25 for orders placed and paid right away.

The manuscript is the gift of the author to the A.M.A.A. All proceeds will go to the Association.

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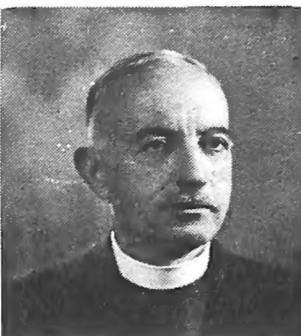
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## OBITUARIES...

We have learned, through the memorial gifts that have been sent to the office, of the death of the following members of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. The Board of Directors, while appreciating the thoughtfulness of the relatives of the deceased for designating memorial gifts for the work of the Association, extend their sincere sympathies and God's continued protection on them.

**MRS. ANNA MIADZINIAN.** She was an extremely devoted member of the Association for many long years and was also on the Board of Directors. She supported the work of the Association by engaging herself as an active member of the AMAA Chapter in Philadelphia and as a member of the Missionary Committee of her church-The Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church. It is difficult, indeed, to measure the depth of her devotion and the fruits of her personal influence on behalf of the Association.

**THE REVEREND SIRAGAN G. AGBABIAN.** Born in Tarsus in 1881, he left school at 13 to help support the family on the death of his father. At 21, having experienced a dramatic Spiritual Awakening, he returned to school, graduated from St. Paul's College of Tarsus and later from the Marash Theological Seminary to enter the pastorate. He pastored the second Armenian Evangelical Church of Marash during the difficult days of the Turkish atrocities against the Armenians, married Miss Parouhie Mahshigian, daughter of the Reverend Stepan Mahshigian, in 1919, only to escape for his life to Cyprus with the retreating French Army. With his family joining him after two years, he served in Cyprus for twelve years as a teacher in the American Academy and as pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Larnaca and Nicosia. His next pastorate was with the Immanuel Armenian Evangelical Church of Aleppo, Syria where he also served as the Hamaynkabed--the representative of the Armenian Evangelical Community--for all of Syria. After twenty years of productive ministry, he retired and in 1952 came to Southern California where he served as Associate Pastor in the Cilicia Armenian Congregational Church of Pasadena and the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Los Angeles. Willing to give a hand always, he was a pulpit supply in the Parlier Olivet Armenian Church and the United Armenian Congregational Church of Los Angeles. Ninety years of age when he died at the UCLA Medical Center on November 5, 1971, he had experienced the great joy of celebrating his 80th birthday at a large gathering of relatives and friends. The death of Reverend Agbabian brought an end to an era of Armenian Evangelical ministers who served our Armenian people through one of its darkest periods in history--ministering to the remnants of the massacres and deportations. Through these difficult times he held high the banner of Christ's Gospel and our ultimate hope of Victory in Him. His influence on children, youth, adults, and families was tremendous, the writer of this tribute being one of his "spiritual children." May we all enter to complete his unfinished labors.



**MR. HOVHANNES K. JEDIDIAN.** a devoted member of the Association is the contributor to the Martha Doodoo Jedidian Endowment Fund (\$55,000.00) in memory of his dear mother. Director of the Gotchnag all his U.S. life, he was also an intellectual having authored the five-volume book entitled Hadundeer Badmuvadzkner. Copies are available from the AMAA office. His will provides an additional \$5,000 to be added on his Endowment Fund.

**DR. KRIKOR M. DAVIDIAN** of East Orange, New Jersey passed away on November 10, 1971. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Eleanor, son Gregory, and three grandchildren. Dr. Davidian is the uncle of our devoted life member, Miss Sarra Saprichian.

**MR. GARABED KESHISHIAN.** Born in Hadjin in 1882, he graduated from Aintab College, taught in Hadjin and Talas for two years and returned to Aintab College as a teacher. He returned to Aintab to become its mayor and to introduce many improvements in health and education. He married Euphrates College graduate Knarig Dadalian in 1911, and moved to Istanbul to establish a printing press and to engage in work as a publisher. He taught later at Jananian College, served in the Turkish Army, and after the War became the Manager of the Lord Mayor's Orphanage in Adana. Following the departure of the French Army from Cilicia in 1920, he took 425 orphans to Cyprus. In 1923 he entered the United States and started his own oriental rug business in New York City. He is survived by his wife Knarig, three daughters--Mrs. F. Raphaelian of Short Hills, Mrs. Sam Mardian of Phoenix, and Mrs. Marshall McCabe of Alexandria--and by his son, Dr. Jerry of Garden City, New York. His second son was killed in action during World War II. Mr. Keshishian's Endowment Fund provides an annual prize at Haigazian College for a student of high scholastic standing on one line of endeavor and of high behaviour.

**MR. JOHN H. BOOLE.** Founder of the John H. Boole Leather Manufacturing Company, John was prominent in educational and philanthropic activities in the community and his church. As his son Leon states, "His name is many, but his Heart was One. He always worked hard to bring purpose into our lives." His was, more than anything else, devotion to family and church. He was able to transmit the best in Armenian family life to his own children--the heritage of closeness in family life, warmth, relative-loving, love for one another, family solidarity and joy, and love for God through His church.



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Great were the efforts for the construction and sustaining of the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown and the sustaining of the programs of the AMAA--particularly its Child Education Program. His son Leon writes: "The Armenian Missionary Association, with the Reverend Kalfayan, became an important part of his life and our home again found the peoples and purposes that Dad wanted to be with and make them feel and enjoy his Home and his hospitality." No wonder that for some 25 years John H. Boole supplied all the leather picture folders that the AMAA used for its Child Education program. He was a Board member for 10 years, participated in the Fortieth Anniversary Campaign of the Association, became one of the founders of Haigazian College with the Mehagians, Hekemians, Philibosians, Barsumians, sponsored children and, on the 25th Wedding Anniversary of his marriage he and his gracious wife, established an Endowment Fund.

**MR. MANOOG T. MANOOGIAN.** He died on May 6, 1970 in Fresno and is the brother of Mr. Paul C. Manoogian. He has bequeathed over \$11,000.00 to the AMAA to be added to his brother's fund which stands at \$20,000.00 to date. Both brothers were devoted to the purposes and ideals of the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

**MRS. ZVART HEKIMIAN,** wife of the late Dr. J. Hekimian, died suddenly leaving her two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Alberian and Dr. and Mrs. John Keuhnelian in grief. Husband and wife had given the AMAA top leadership and devotion. The Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Hekimian Endowment Fund is being augmented in her memory.

**MRS. ANN SHACHIAN.** In Her memory, a memorial Endowment Fund is being set up. The income is designated for the sponsorship of the tuition of a needy Armenian child. In this way, perpetually, a child will be put through elementary school. A wonderful memorial, indeed. And quite fitting, for Mrs. Shachian was keenly interested in the AMAA and the church of which she was a Trustee in the Armenian Presbyterian Church and the President of the Fireside Fellowship and the Young Women's Guild.

### MISS SARRA SAPRICHIAN

This beloved and generous friend of the AMAA died on February 27, 1972 at the age of 82. A retired nurse, Miss Saprichian was practically fully employed as an untiring volunteer worker at the AMAA office. She and her sister Altoon had anonymously established a substantial endowment fund with the AMAA which now totals close to \$60,000.00. The income of the fund will be used for several purposes among which is that of providing scholarships for persons entering the nursing profession or teaching. The two sisters are also authors of a beautiful book of songs entitled MANGAGAN MEGHETINER. The proceeds of the book will be used for the needs of the Armenian Evangelical Student House in Beirut, Lebanon. Her Memorial Service was held in the Armenian Evangelical Church in New York on March 1, 1972 with the Reverend S.K. Sulahian officiating and the Revs. A.A. Bedikian, George Paboojian and G.H. Chopourian participating. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish to extend our deep sympathies to the surviving relatives and friends.

### MR. SARKIS BOGOSIAN

Mr. Sarkis Bogosian, born on August 1, 1895 in Chunkoosh, Armenia, entered his rest on April 13, 1972. He was struck by a car on April 11, never regaining consciousness. A firm believer and a churchman, he served with the Church of Christ in various offices from 1930 to the present and assigned his successes in life and his existence to God's providential love and care. "In all the activities I undertook," he wrote in his autobiography, "it seemed that the unseen Hands of the Lord have led the way." Mr. Bogosian has, according to information the AMAA office has received, made substantial endowment arrangements with the AMAA. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish to extend our sincere deep sympathies to his two sons, John and Edward, and their wives and children.

**OTHERS** who took leave of this world were: Mrs. Aznive Armaghanian, Mr. Mihran Kalfayan, Mr. Sam Bakalian, Mrs. Stella Howard, and Mr. Martin Nakashian all of whom had a prayer in their hearts for the work of the Armenian Missionary Association.

May our Father in Heaven give us courage to walk in the steps of these brethren and sisters.

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Twelve missionaries are at work, and to date seven churches have been established in which newly-awakened souls are worshipping.

This is a unique missionary effort, being carried on by Armenians directed towards non-Armenians and towards people who are in darkness spiritually.

We add our prayers that they may be strengthened in their efforts day by day.



*In Tamboori in Goias*



*On the slopes of Mt. La Paz in Bolivia*

entitled "A.M.A.A.--POWER FOR GOOD." Dr. & Mrs. Berj Markarian with their two sons provided musical selections. The meal, delicious lamejun, koefteh, and khourabia for dessert was donated, along with the publicity brochures, stamps, etc. by the members of the committee and their friends. The evening activity was successfully emceed by Mr. George A. Berberian, Executive Advisor. The members of the Miami Chapter are: Mr. Mihran Koshgarian, Honorary Chairman; Mrs. Mary Koshgarian, Chairman; Mrs. Fay Batmasian, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Seeran Ghazarian, Treasurer; Mrs. Victoria Fredericks, Advisor; and Mrs. Victoria Koumjian, Member. The Board of Directors at their meeting on April 28, 1972 voted to express their appreciation and thanks to the committee for their successful activities and support of the work of the Association.

### THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

The Board of Directors of the A.M.A.A. extend their profound thanks to the World Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Miss Harriet Williams, Secretary, and the Reverend John Murray, President of the Board of The World Association have been kind enough to give generous assistance to the following endeavors of our Association:

Christian Endeavor Union of Beirut, for D.V.B.S. work	\$400.00
Inter-Denominational Sunday School, for D.V.B.S. work	300.00
Miss Arpine Mahshigian, for D.V.B. Schools in Teheran	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

*Apologies to Rev. Jirair Sogomian  
for the deletion of copy in his  
article "The Secret of Man's  
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